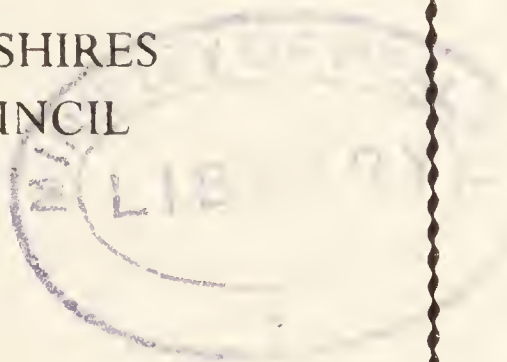


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Norham & Islandshires Rural District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area—47,011 acres.

Population—4,380.

No. of inhabited houses—1,478.

Rateable Value—£19,580.

Sum represented by a 1d. Rate—£80.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Agriculture is the primary industry in the district. Salmon fishing provides a living for a considerable population along Tweedside, whilst coal mining in the Scremerston area provides the bulk of employment in that section of the district.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	53	31	22	Birthrate per 1000 Population—12.77
	Illegitimate	3	1	2	
Still Births	Legitimate	1	—	1	Rate per 1000 Births—35.7
	Illegitimate	1	—	1	
Total Deaths	... ..	49	26	23	Death Rate per 1000 Population —11.18

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis—Nil.

„ „ other Puerperal causes—Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year—

All Infants—per 1000 live births—(i)—17.8.

Legitimate infants—per 1000 legitimate live births—(ii)—18.8.

Illegitimate—Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)—5.

„ „ Measles—Nil.

„ „ Whooping Cough—Nil.

„ „ Diarrhoea—Nil.

The Deathrate for the district remains the same as last year but there is a fall of 2.0 per thousand in the Birthrate.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Medical Officer (part-time) Herbert F. Park, M.B., Ch.B.,
Norham.
Sanitary Inspector N. Senior, M.S.I.A., East Ord.
Laboratory Facilities County Laboratory, Newcastle.

Ambulance Facilities.—These are provided under the N.H.S., the depot being at Berwick, and has given excellent service. Other stations at Belford and Wooler help to serve the district and vehicles are always obtainable.

Nursing.—Home nursing is provided under the N.H.S. and District Nurses serving the district are resident at Norham, Berwick, Scremerston and Cornhill.

Hospitals.—There are no hospitals actually situated in the district. Those which serve the area are:—Berwick Infirmary (General), Marshall Meadows (Infectious Diseases), Castle Hills (Maternity), Greenhaven (Chronic and Aged Sick).

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.—Still a great difficulty in parts of the district.

Cornhill and Adjoining Area.—Here the Council are to carry on the reconstruction work on a very limited supply. The Donaldsons Lodge district is without a piped supply and consequently building cannot be proceeded with until there is a prospect of getting water from the projected Glendale scheme.

Holy Island. — Here the installation of a piped supply is proceeding, and following this a sewage scheme is in course of preparation.

The supplies in the Norham, Horncliffe and Scremerston areas are adequate, and in the Fenwick district the supply from the new borehole is in course of installation.

Scavenging.—The present system of collection of household refuse by waggon continues to be satisfactory. The tips used are properly supervised and kept in order,

Rivers and Streams.—There is no gross pollution of streams in this area.

Housing is still acute in parts of the district. Owing to the difficulty with water and sewage the full programme has been curtailed. Now that water and sewage have become possible in Holy Island, there will be a considerable number of houses to be constructed there.

Norham and East Ord.—The Council are in possession of sites in these villages but plans for building are still in preparation.

PARISHES WITH PIPED WATER SUPPLIES

Parish	Number of Houses	Houses with W.C.s	Houses with Baths	Houses with Standpipe supply only
Norham	214	171	151	2
Norham Mains ...	11	9	9	2
Horncliffe	89	71	64	4
Loanend	24	9	9	12
Shoreswood	44	30	30	14
Duddo	31	28	28	3
Felkington	18	16	16	2
Thornton	29	18	18	2
Grindon	18	18	18	—
Longridge	18	7	3	7
Kyloe	174	72	56	82
Ancroft	354	170	166	162
Holy Island	104	30	16	74
Twizell	43	13	14	22
Ord	130	76	72	37
Cornhill	142	49	38	72
Totals	1443	787	708	497

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS). DURING THE YEAR

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	1	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	—
Cerebral Fever	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	—	—	—

Two mild cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 4 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 15 years	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 25 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 +	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Herbert. J. Park

M.O.H.

Cross House,

Norham-on-Tweed.

May 19th, 1955.

Annual Report of the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1954

Gentlemen,

In accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Public Health Act, 1936.

Part Two. Sanitation and Buildings	...	...	55
Part Three. Nuisances	...	...	12
Part Four. Water Supplies	...	...	82
Part Five. Notifiable Diseases	...	...	5
Total Visits	154

Housing Act, 1936.

Part Two. Inspection of Insanitary Houses	...	14
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Housing Act, 1949

Part Two, Section 20. Improvement Grants	...	39
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Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Visits in connection with infestations and administration	61
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Petroleum Consolidated Act, 1928.

Visits in connection with storage of petrol	...	26
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Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouse	...	50
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Total C/f	...	344
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	Total B/f ...	344
Other Visits and Inspections		
1. Council House Repairs	110
2. Tradesmen re above	32
3. Building Bye-laws	... ..	50
4. Town and Country Planning Act, 1947	... ..	50
5. Miscellaneous Visits, Interviews. etc.	... ..	40
		282
Total Visits, Inspections, Interviews, etc.		626

Number of Notices served during the Year

Informal	... ..	32
Statutory	... ..	nil

Results of Service of such Notices

(1) Sanitary Conveniences repaired	... ..	5
(2) Renewal of Dustbins	... ..	4
(3) Drains repaired	... ..	1
(4) Houses repaired	... ..	22

Water Samples for Analysis

	Total	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Chemical	4	4	—
Bacteriological	10	10	—

COMMENTARY

Refuse Collection.

The fortnightly collection of refuse from all premises throughout the district has been maintained.

Housing—Housing Act, 1949—Improvements

It is gratifying to note the number of owners of properties taking advantage of the Improvement Grants offered under this Act, and many excellent improvements have taken place throughout the area.

Plans.

The number of plans deposited with the Council during 1954 was 63, and all were approved.

Meat Inspection.

Weekly visits have been paid to the Slaughterhouse at Norham on "killing" days, and a very high standard of hygiene has been maintained.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector

52, Ravensdowne,
Berwick-upon-Tweed.
September, 1955.

